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For: TENSION DETECTION APPARATUS OF ENDLESS LOOP POWER TRANSFERRING MEMBER AND TORQUE DETECTION APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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CLAIM TO CONVENTION PRIORITY

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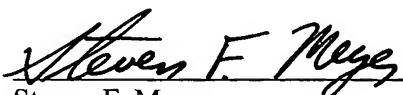
In the matter of the above-identified application and under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 applicant(s) claim(s) the benefit of the following prior applications:

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[X] Pursuant to the Claim to Priority, applicants will submit a duly certified copy of the above mentioned priority application at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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